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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE		Docket No. P6270
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This is responsive to the restriction requirement dated August 9, 2005. In response to the Examiner's restriction, Applicant submits the following election with traverse.

- According to the Examiner, there are two inventions in the application as follows:
- I. Claims 2-6, 8-14 and 18-20, drawn to Computer to Computer Session/Connection Establishing; and
 - II. Claims 21-27, drawn to Computer to Computer Data Routing.

The Examiner states that "Group I is drawn to an apparatus, which facilitates network-wide synchronization" and that "Group II is drawn to scheduling of a broadcast coherency." Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's comments and the claims and respectfully submits that the Examiner has misconstrued the claims and the groupings.

In Applicant's amendment filed 13 May 2005, the claims were amended and new independent claims 23 - 27 were added. Claim 23 is a method claim from which claims

2-6, 21 and 22 depend; and claim 24 is an apparatus claim from which claims 8-14 depend. Claims 23 and 24 are related as method and apparatus along with claims 25-27 directed to, respectively, an apparatus in means-plus-function format; a computer program product; and a data signal. Claims 18-20 are method claims directed to inserting routing information.

Applicant notes that there are dependent claims in Group I that depend from claims in Group II. In addition, not all of the claims in Group I are drawn to an apparatus. Further, it is unclear to the Applicant how these claims relate to "network-wide synchronization" or "broadcast coherency scheduling" as set forth by the Examiner.

Election with traverse

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-6, 8-14 and 21-27 belong in Group II. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner include claims 2-6 and 8-14 in Group II and Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims identified as Group II now including claims 2-6, 8-14 and 21-27.

Finally, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's Attorney in the phone conversation between them on 30 August 2005.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due for the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted,



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